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a dishonest difference of opinion

by John R. Shields

Fact first, opinion follows...this writer recently came under attack from the editor of the Blazer. The charge, plagerism, ostensibly, anyway. Bill, (I guess I can call him that) recently offered me a position on the editorial board and as a columnist for the Blazer (both since withdrawn). Upon discovering that we differed in opinion, politically speaking (as men will), he said he would have to think a little more about the position on the Board. Next,he charged me with plagarism, claiming that my first column (The Department Store) was such because it consisted totally of news items (hardly original for anyone unless you create the news!) that were, admittedly, compiled in another publication. First of all, since the format was my own, and since the items were used only to get the idea of the format across as an introductory column, I could have easily obtained those items from the newspapers they originally appeared in, which is to say that no source is original for news, those things just happen! Second, he claimed that subsequent columns were also suspect since the ideas or opinions had been previously expressed by others. So, since I may not care for, say pizza, and someone else has said they dont like it either, I have plagiarized them! Restating the purpose of my column, once I have informed you of the particular news item I am speaking of, what's there is mine, as well as the "department" I put it in. It would seem, then, that

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constitution's true meaning tested

by Jim Thuot

Now that the United States is reaching out to its two hundredth birthday, many Americans are taking a look back to see what has been accomplished and if the ideals of those most brave patriots did not pass by in the dark.

As Jefferson sat in his study drawing draft upon draft of the Declaration of Independence, one principal kept appearing; that principal stood out among all others; taxation without representation was indeed a principal in the founding of this great nation.

Today, the Supreme Court has stated that one man has one vote to represent himself with. In essence, this means that a vote represents only one person. Young people, those under the legal voting age, therefore have no representation in the government of this country

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REASONS FOR GENERATION GAP, or "DON'T BAN THE BOMB, IT'S WRONG TO OBJECT"

by John Goodwin

On a recent David Susskind show, a VFW representative asked a leader of a motorcycle group why he wore a nazi patch. The young man replied, "The Nazis oppressed; this is to remind you straights not to oppress us."

If you call this guy a radical, you're out of it. Parents who send their children to parochial schools object to paying for public schools also. They'll gripe about how unfair it is, but will condemn any public show of objection.

Homeowners who paid $400 real estate taxes in 1962 are now paying $750. With rising bills from telephones to school referendums demanding more tax money every 6 months, one has to have a terrific job just to pay for necessities and the price of freedom, finally living on chicken scratch, thousands of dollars into a mortgage and installment loans. They'll gripe of how this is a bad life and how it'll be decades before they'll be out of debt, but they'll condemn any public show of objection.

People building a home have to pay bricklayers $8 an hour, construction laborers $5 an hour (soon to be raised), plumbers $8 an hour, and this is just a bare minimum of the work needed to complete the job not mentioning painters, carpet layers, carpenters, table toppers, delivery men, and every other type of work these ignorant money grubbers have been able to form unions for. People will still build homes, wanting a decent life, exchange their souls for credit, and later curse the way things are, and how prices will never stop rising, but they'll condemn any public show of objection.

These people will condemn public objection not because they are "straight" inferring ignorance, like many young people like to think. It's because they have learned what objection can result in. A teacher I know once said something derogatory about his president and was publicly chastised. His comment was, in light of the officials manner and avenues of operating, a grain of sand. People not paying educational taxes because they pay skyscraping private school costs face a government suit against them. They face similar charges if they cant raise rising real estate taxes; and, considering the power of these monster unions, just as big a scuffle if if they dont use union

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the department store

by John R.Shields

Life goes on, even after finals, despite how cataclysmic things may seem, so between exams, stroll through the store and if you dont see what you want, ask our floorwalkers...

DEPT OF QUOTATIONS: "I dont hate my Vietnamese enemy, but I like to see the arms and legs fly." (Col. Geo. Patton III); "I dont care to know the color of a man, just that he is a man..he cant get any worse." (Mark Twain)...

YOU'RE MISSING THE WHOLE POINT DEPT: The incident at My Lai, if it happened, is indeed, and agreed, tragic. Whether or not it is an isolated incident is not the point. Whether or not Lt. Calley and his men committed a slaughter of innocent civilians or undercover enemies is also not the point. The sick society that perpetuates a system allowing

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he was looking for an excuse to withdraw his request that I contribute to his publication. That is certainly his privilege. provided it is his publication. I was under the impression that it belonged to the student body. In discussing this situation, he asked me if I was going to continue writing for the Subterranean next semester. I said yes. He then said, "Then you wont be writing for the Blazer." I then asked him if this was his decision, the publications advisers decision, or a joint one. He said, "It was a decision of the Editorial Board." I asked him if a vote had been taken. He said, "Oh, the meeting will be in half an hour." I wanted to know if it mattered what happened at this meeting or if he felt he spoke for the members of the Board, but he refused to discuss it further.

Now the opinion. It would seem that a student activity that cries for help and participation, that cannot meet its deadlines and publication dates, that refuses to print "the other side" could use some fresh, new blood. The problem, not an uncommon one in organizations, usually lies with the chiefs and not the braves. Since that publication refuses assistance that is offered, unless it with or be subserviant to the established (appointed, not elected) leadership, I find tears over their problem difficult to shed. As for the people who choose to exist in such an atmosphere, there is a place they can go that offers the same on a full time, daily basis. Perhaps the door to the publications office should be replaced by an iron curtain, too.

bell issue next

In our next issue of Subterranean Side Show, we will take a look at our new bell, comments, cartoons, and the legend of the bell.

paid advertisement

"SLEEP TIGHT,

YOU MORONS"

.....Holden Caufield, "Catcher In The Rye"

----- from a departing activist

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workmen. If they dont pay ridiculous interest rates on loans, these establishments can sue. On a smaller scale, they know arguing with a policeman can net contempt or resisting arrest. The point being, resistance can hurt one's intricate plan of life. And, considering the time and effort many people have put into this direction, it IS easier to acquiese; most people admit acceptance for the sake of one's other valuable commitments, whether it be debts or investments.

The thing is, we're all facing the same problems. The older people battle rising financial costs and a rising doubt about why their elected officials keep raising taxes, most sure of corruption, but unable to publicly object for fear of loss. They'll say they did stuff like the kids do today because they werent as wise then; actually, it's because they had nothing to lose then, as today's youth don't.

The kids face the same circumstances. Is it easy to break into such a system as a young married couple, or even single? At this stage, most guys are at the apprentice part of their jobs and can't afford the costs. They see the same reasons as the older people, and can object, having relatively little to lose. Regardless of whether it's right or wrong, most young people think Viet Nam is wrong, and facing a complete shakeup in their marriage plans, plans for their young children, their investments and debts already incurred, their work, and their general life plan, for a cause they think is wrong, they would naturally object, as would todays older people, if put in a similar position.

The reason there is a generation gap, the reason there are violent marches, the reason there are guys wearing Nazi patches, is because the very system both the older and younger object to doesn't want to change, and is taking measures to stop it. The marchers are protesting rising taxes as much as Viet Nam; corruption in public officials just as much as Nixon's see-thru statements; the greedy unions just as much as Agnew's Thesarsus; and overlapping educational fees and referendums as much as the Defense and Space budgets. The strange thing is, the older people read phoney explanations by the very system they dont like, are completely influenced by it, and think the kids are "trying to disrupt America," when in reality the young people LOVE America just as much as they do, and are exercizing the right only they can perform in their uncommitted position, that of informing their officials of how they feel. Considering the issues, they are acting as the older peoples mouthpieces as well as their own.

So the motorcycle guy with the Nazi patch is simply trying to break down the barrier between people. It is, perhaps, not the best way to do it, but when you consider the bad publicity his kind has gotten, they've been thrust into a corner, seemingly representing some outside force, an ugly duckling. All he REALLY wants is not to be oppressed so he can object peacefully. He represents all of youth. We're doing you a favor of sorts, in objecting to a system we both dislike, so don't turn on your own, please.
(reprinted from Mr. Goodwins recently published book, Confrontation)

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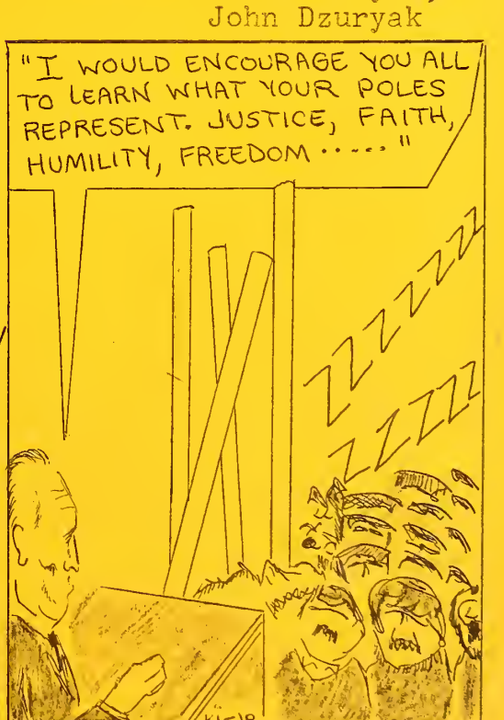
Dear Editor,

Realizing that you have had your problems with trying to tell it like it is this year, I think you are doing a good job with the Subterranean Side Show. Like others on campus, I don't agree with everything in the SSS, but I am glad that you express your views. Isn't that the idea of a free society?

In reading your latest issue about law and order, I came across the news that "someone" responded to your requests for comments on your issue about President Rowley. If people don't want to be written about they had better shut up. Is there anything wrong with expressing your views in a free society? Maybe we should ask the question, is this a free society? If people don't want to be written about, they had better sit back in their wood paneled office and hold their tongue, because in this society you or I can't help but say what we feel about any issues, no matter who wears the pants around here. We all put our pants on the same way, though.

Thank you,
John Dzuryak



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because their parents or guardians can only represent themselves and they, the young people, cannot vote.

If the young non-voters of America have no vote in the selection of their government then in effect they have no representation. For a government that does not allow them to vote is surely not representing them. Secondly, this same government has passed income tax laws stating that people earning over a certain minimum must forfeit some of this to the government, and is taxation.

This leaves open a rather interesting question: should a person under the legal voting age be obliged to pay taxes since he has no representation in the legislatures that created these taxes? The question seems to offer four solutions: 1) Lower the voting age to an appropriate level 2) Abolish taxes for those people under the voting age 3) Give parents a vote for each child that earns any money, and 4) maintain the status quo.

The final question then becomes, Are we living up to the proud principals our founding fathers laid down back in 1776.

franks fun house

The cry of old people today is "Save the youth!" We have often wondered why they weren't saved when they were kids and doing something similarly wrong.

"Why did that boss have a circular office built?"
"It's for his secretary, she doesnt like being cornered."

Know what one math book said to another? "I've really got problems."

the department store

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such an atmosphere to develop in the first place, or that thinks that bombing from 5 miles up is different, or that forgotten or never understood the fire storm of Dresden, the fission at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, or that doesnt realize that an order to "clear out" Song My #4, and does not put that person who ordered same on trial and has not even asked why...that, my friends, is the point... DEPT OF CHANGE: Speaking of Vietnamization, heard the other day that Spiro was in Vietnam for one day and replaced by a Vietnamese...do you suppose we could get a little Americanization going? I'LL BET THEY NEVER HEARD HIM DEPT: It has been reliably reported that a sponsor (Libby) insisted a short elegy to Lenny Bruce by his 14 year-old daughter be snipped from a recent prime time show. It was. HOW COME DEPT: All those folks so intent on going all over the world helping "underdog" countries in the many and varied ways have a different attitude ("I made it, so should you") toward our ghetto dwellers?...LET THE GENERALS RUN THE WAR DEPT: So now the Biafran thing is over, ostensibly, although repercussions will last the century...thing is, what kind of pride grips a man who's won to kick another when he's down? Nigeria's refusing immediate aid to their reunited brothers should be considered genocide if even one more person dies...TAKE A DEEP BREATH DEPT: Ecologists have been banging our ears for a bit now about conservation of our, yeah, our enviornment, or we lose the whole bag in ten to thirty five years. Dont you worry about it, though. Technology land and Buckminster Fuller will just build one big geodesic dome...COULD HAVE GONE ALL DAY WITHOUT THAT DEPT: Spiro's back! Ring that bell! Do you suppose he feels our impudent, effete snobs and news media was responsible for his reception...or do those countries know something we know?...THOUGHTS WHILE SHAVING DEPT: Two aspirins and a call-me-at-ten-o'clock to the guy who thought up the exam schedule.... More department store bargains next week.

around barn and campus

On the positive side of things... College congress and student leaders involved did an outstanding job during the open house last week. An added congratulations to CC and Mr. Pillard for the needed tables and chairs, including the expensive lounge chairs in the union.

Although destruction of property and riots have not arrived at JJC, repression, censorship, and sugar coated newspapers have, and the deadwood of the school had better wake up. As I was telling a good friend just yesterday, when you've seen one, you've seen them all. I'd go on with this rented rhetoric, but I dont want to sound too full of Bull.

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